

re Constantius died at York, — apparently it was • the conclusion of a campaign in Scotland, — but re he died he commended to Constantine the ire of his young half-brothers and half-sisters, eldest of whom was no more than thirteen years je, and he also evidently commended Constan- himself to the loyalty of his legions. The >error, we are informed both by Lactantius and lie author of the Seventh Panegyric, died with a 1 at rest because he was sure of his heir and suc->r — Jupiter himself, says the pagan orator,* died out his right hand and welcomed him tig the gods. Clearly, the ground had been prepared, for no sooner was the breath out of stantius's body than the troops saluted Constan- with the title of Augustus.

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1 the interesting detail that he had no stouter •orter than Erocus, a Germanic King, who was ng as an auxiliary in the Roman army. Con- line was nothing loth, though, as usual in such imstances, he may have feigned a reluctance h he did not feel. His panegyrist, indeed, ^sents him as putting spurs to his horse to ile him to shake off the robe which the soldiers ht to throw over his shoulders, and suggests it had been Constantino's intention to write " to senior Princes " and consult their wishes as to :hoice of a successor. Had he done so, he knew well that Galerius would have sent over to Britain 2 trusted lieutenant of his own to take command Constantine would have received peremptory

